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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall at least steady. Retail demand was seasonally slow to moderate, best for more traditional holiday items. Food service covered the full range with best movement for fast food specials. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were tight with strongest movement. Dark meat was in good balance to barely adequate, and breast items were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 11/17/03-11/21/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
<b>Delivered to First Receivers</b>				
Bos/New Eng	60.00-64.00	61.74	17	63.59
Chicago	54.00-57.00	57.50	38	59.74
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	59.83
Denver	72.50	72.50	16	72.22
Detroit	56.00-58.00	57.11	9	61.11
Los Angeles	73.00	71.77	60	71.63
New York	60.00-63.00	61.46	24	61.33
Philadelphia	59.50-62.00	60.45	11	58.84
Pittsburgh	60.00-62.00	61.00	12	62.82
St. Louis	56.75-57.00	56.61	24	56.44
San Francisco	73.50	72.78	29	78.78

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	11/17/03	Change/Last Wk	11/10/03	11/18/02
540	64.79	1.25	63.54	53.31

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	60.50-62.00	61.26	28
Central	56.00-64.50	61.88	64
West	59.00-64.00	63.88	36

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	66.50-68.00	67.35	81
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 68.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,030	57.00-71.50	67.06

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	197.50	1,466
BREASTS - B/S	173.50	5,760
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.50	1,643
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50	1,073
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	8,446
WINGS	95.00	3,035

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings of all sizes ranged balanced to adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was generally fair at best. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were fully sufficient. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Drums and thighs were balanced.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was at least steady. Retail demand following the weekend was fair to moderate, best for ads and other holiday items. Food service was fair to fairly good with fast food promotions having best interest. Supplies were close to well cleared, and may become even less available due to decreased plant schedules this week and next week. In the parts structure, wings were seasonally tight and continued to clear well, and dark meat was adequate to close. Breast items were mixed, but sufficient with fronts in the shortest balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was fully steady overall with trading reported on whole body at mainly unchanged prices and WOGs at unchanged to mainly higher prices. Offerings were generally adequate. Buying activity was fair with buyer needs focused on Thanksgiving Day items. Retailer demand was only fair for whole body fryers and moderate to fairly good for parts. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Trade sentiment was firm on wings and steady to weak on balance of parts. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters bulk 29.5-33 and 4/10s 32.5-37, breast bone-in 79-89 and boneless 130-148, wings 95- 104. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 60.60 up 3.84 with the volume reported down 3 percent from last Mondays' level.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority delivered prices were mostly 1 cent higher from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Offerings were limited on mixed trade interest. Retail demand was seasonally slow to moderate. Food service movement was moderate to good, best into fast food and casual dining. Floor stocks were in balance. Weights were in a desirable range. Supplies of wings remain tight to short, drums and thighs barely adequate, and remaining items were fully adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, drums and thighs, steady on leg quarters and barely steady on breast items.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair to moderate entering the week. Seller offerings were generally in good balance and clearing. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully sufficient for current trade needs. Leg items were in good balance. Wings were well cleared.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	59-72
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	63.39
NO. OF BOXES	8,283

\*7 of 7 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair entering the week. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts remained available. Bone-in breasts were at least sufficient. Drumsticks and thighs were in good balance. Wings continued to clear well. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was cautious on boneless-skinless breasts, fully steady on wings, drums and thighs; about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST

RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING		AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S		145	144.75	596,960
TENDERLOINS		145	140.93	135,700
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75		82.15	137,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	74		75.63	99,920
LEGS	38-39		38.03	402,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30		29.52	449,664
DRUMSTICKS	36-37		39.94	152,860
THIGHS	34-35		40.82	65,640
B/S THIGHS	85-86		89.84	77,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	89-90		95.69	162,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.94	30,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		30.22	13,600
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65		64.97	24,320

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	2,382	122.00-196.00	132-140	138.02
TENDERLOINS	578	137.00-192.00	137-140	155.56
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	814	26.00-28.00	26	26.13
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,655	27.00-29.00	28	28.01
WINGS (WHOLE)	236	67.00-95.00	93-95	89.68
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	11/17	11/13	11/13	11/10	11/06
ALA	3,966	3,874	5.11	3,803	5.15
ARK	5,410	5,135	4.97	5,354	4.91
DELMARVA	2,118	2,162	5.47	2,243	5.40
KY-LA-TN	1,965	1,884	4.85	1,946	4.86
MISS	2,981	2,900	5.25	2,988	5.37
NC	2,451	2,418	6.14	2,447	6.15
TEXAS	2,522	2,483	4.79	2,468	5.42
TOTAL	21,413	20,856	5.19	21,249	5.24
MON	21,413(A)			21,249(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Nov 2003 is estimated to be 32,036,000 up 0.47 percent from a week ago and up 5.07 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,886,000 last year 30,490,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	864	134.00-223.00	135-139	137.96
TENDERLOINS	223	140.00-214.00	142-147	151.13
BREAST - LINE RUN	122	80.00-92.00	82-83	82.92
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	128	32.00-50.00	33-35	35.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	286	24.00-29.00	26	26.36
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,182	28.00-33.00	29-30	29.25
WINGS (WHOLE)	301	94.00-98.00	-	97.01
WINGS (CUT)	353	104.00-114.00	-	106.97
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.50 - 53.50	51.11	50.76

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF NOV 17-NOV 21, 2003

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	137.00 - 159.00	141.00 - 149.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	77.00 - 100.00	77.00 - 82.00
LEGS	36.00 - 44.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 32.00	28.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	34.00 - 46.00	-
THIGHS	32.00 - 43.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	82.00 - 99.00	87.00 - 95.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	39.00 - 45.00	-

#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89-93
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	600-625

#### **DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	91-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	60-63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

#### **SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

#### **DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	101-103
ICE PACK	99-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	89-105
ICE PACK	105
HENS OVER 5#	91
ICE PACK	89
DUCKS	152-175

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

14-NOV-2003

**CHICKEN** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-22.00	17.50	1,016,000	676,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.97	17.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	22.00-30.00	11.00-15.00	2,302,000	960,000
WTD AVERAGE	28.48	12.03		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	41,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the about adequate offerings. Supplies of finished product were well cleared. Processing schedules were less than normal to normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 17-NOV-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	6-9	8-9	8.45
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

14-NOV-2003

**CHICKEN** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	22.00	13.50-18.00	204,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	22.00	16.88		
15-20%				
RANGE	19.00-21.50	13.00-15.00	1,652,400	1,101,600
WTD AVERAGE	20.69	13.90		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	20,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Finished sales were good with processing schedules as desired. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-NOV-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11.5	8-9	8.67

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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